

# **EMS TRAINING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION MANUAL**

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Title: <b>Legal Recognition Certification</b>		
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- A. In the absence of a formal reciprocity agreement between Virginia and the state or EMS certifying body concerned, a person having completed a training program equally in compliance with the minimum training standards established by the National Standard Curriculum for the level requested, may request Legal Recognition. Persons will be issued certification for a period of one (1) year or the duration of their current certification; whichever is shorter; upon:
1. Demonstration that the applicant meets the requirements of Sections **12VAC5-31-1450** and **12VAC5-3310-1460** as applicable for the certification level requested.
  2. Demonstration of a need for certification in Virginia.
  3. Submission of copies of certificates issued by the National Registry of EMTs, the respective state or other evidence of the course of training completed to the Office.
  4. Submission of a completed "Virginia EMS Training Program Enrollment" form. This completed form must accompany the certificate of training issued by the other state when forwarded to the Office.
  5. In order to gain full certification, persons must complete the requirements of Section **T-205** and all applicable subsequent sections.
  6. Legal Recognition may be used only to gain a certification level for which the individual does not hold current Virginia certification and for which the individual is no longer eligible for Reentry.
- B. Legal Recognition is currently available for issuance of Virginia **EMT-Basic certification** based upon the following certifications:
1. EMT-Basic certification issued by the National Registry of EMTs.
  2. EMT-Basic certification issued by any other state or U.S. territory except the District of Columbia and Pennsylvania. (See T-305)
  3. EMT-Intermediate/85 certification issued by the National Registry of EMTs.
  4. Any Advanced Life Support certification issued by any other state or U.S. territory.

- C. Legal Recognition is not currently offered at the EMS First Responder or any Advanced Life Support level.